The Innocency of Captain GREEN, and his Crew, Vindicated, from the Murther of Captain Drummond.

Publiſhed by Order of the Owners of the Ship *Worceſter*.

A Paragraph of the *Edenburgh* Gazette, whereby it is owned, That the Ship for which Capt. *Green*, and his Crew, are Condemned (and ſome of them Executed) was a Ship belonging to the *Scotch Indian* and *African* Company, Commanded by Capt. *Drummond*.

WE *hear that* George Haines, *one of Capt.* Green's *Crew, condemn'd for Piracy, formerly mention'd; has made a farther Acknowledgment of the Crimes for which he, and the ſaid Crew are condemn'd; and particularly, that the Veſſel taken by them on the Coaſt of* Mallabar *(condeſcended on by the Witneſſes) was a Schip belonging to our* Indian *and* African *Company, Commanded by Capt.* Drummond; *and that they murthered all the Men on board her, by chopping of ſome of their Heads with a Hatchet, and tying others Back to Back, and throwing them into the Sea. He has likewiſe given Information of ſeveral other Things, which gives a great deal of Light to the whole Matter. 'Tis ſaid, ſeveral others of the Crew have dropt ſome Words which do inſinuate the Guilt; but ſeem to ſcruple the making of a plain Confeſſion, in regard of an Oath of Secrecy which was amongſt them.*

Affidavit of Iſrael Phipeny, *and* Peter Freeland, *two of Captain* Drummond's *Ship's Crew, ſaid to be murthered by Capt.* Green *and his Crew; for which he, and others, are Executed in* Scotland.

Iſrael Phipeny, aged about 21 Years, born in the Town of *Salem*, in *New-England*, and late Apprentice to *George Lockhart*, Merchant of *Glaſcow*, in *Scotland*: And *Peter Freeland*, aged about 38 Years, born in the Pariſh of *Slains*, near *Aberdeen*, in *Scotland*; maketh Oath: That they did both formerly belong to a Ship called, *The Speedy Return*, belonging to the *Scoth* Company Trading to *Africa*, and the *Eaſt-Indies* (of which Captain *Drummond* was Commander) and that on, or about the 26th Day of *May*, which was in the Year 1701, the ſaid Ship, *The Speedy Return*, ſailed from *Newport*, *Glaſcow*, in *Scotland*, in Company with *The Content* Brigantine, Capt. *Stewart* Commander: And that the Lading of *The Speedy Return* aforeſaid, conſiſted of Brandy, Mum, Strong Beer, Cheeſe, Knives, Hats, Shooes, Stockins, Cheſts of Fire-Arms, and Gunpowder, and of Wine taken in at *Madera's*, purchaſed with part of their Proviſions, and of no other ſorts of Goods or Merchandize, nor had any Money on board, to the beſt of their Knowledge: And that the Cargo of the *Content* Brigantine was much the ſame, to the beſt of their Knowledge.

That from *Glaſcow* aforeſaid, they ſailed to *Madera's* from *Madera's* to St. *Thomas*, on the Coaſt of *Guinea*; from thence to *Bengola*, on the ſaid Coaſt; from thence to the *Cape of Good Hope*; from thence to the Iſland of St. *Mary's*, near *Madagaſcar*; where ſeveral *Engliſh* and *French-Men* came on board *The Speedy Return*, and bought Liquors. Here *The Speedy Return*, and *Content* Brigantine, remained till the beginning of *May* 1702, and took on board Negroes, which were tranſported to *Don Maſcarenhas* (a *French* Iſland) and ſold to the Governour there: They arrived at *Don Maſcarenhas* about the end of *June* 1702, where they met with the *Rook*-Gally, Capt. *Honeycomb*; who examined Captain *Drummond*, ſuſpecting him to be a Pirate, and after Examination let him go. From *Don Maſcarenhas*, *The Speedy Return* ſailed to *Maritan*, or *Madagaſcar*, and arrived there in *July* 1702, where Capt. *Drummond* went a ſhoar; and about 9 or 10 Hours after his going aſhoar, 5 ſeveral Perſons (who afterwards appeared to be Pirates) armed with Piſtols, came on board the ſaid *Speedy Return*, with a pretence to buy ſomething, and taking the advantage of the ſaid Captain *Drummond*, *Andrew Wilky* his Surgeon, and ſeveral of the ſaid Ships Company being aſhoar, and others working in the Hold, the ſaid 5 Perſons, by force of Arms, took poſſeſſion of the ſaid Ship, and immediately made a Signal, upon which about 40 or 50 other Pirates came aboard the ſaid Ship, and then took the aforeſaid *Content* Brigantine.

The Pirates remained at *Maritan*, about 6 or 8 days, with *The Speedy Return*, and Brigantine, and then ſailed from thence, leaving a ſhoar at *Maritan* Captain *Drummond*, *Charles Promdee* Chief Mate, *James Davis* Carpenter, and *John Macclachee* Foremaſt-Man of *The Speedy Return*. From thence theſe Deponents proceeded in *The Speedy Return*, and in Company with *The Content* Brigantine, to *Don Maſcarenhas*, in ſearch of the *Rook*-Gally aforeſaid, as they were informed by the Pirates. In their Paſſage from *Maritan*, they loſt Company with the Brigantine, and after that arrived at *Don Maſcarenhas*, where they ſtaid about 8 or 10 days, and were ſupplied with Proviſions, *&c.* Not finding the *Rook*-Gally there, the Pirates went to *Mauritius* in ſearch of her; where they ſee 4 or 5 Ships in the N. W. Harbour, which the Pirates judging to ſtrong to be attempted by them, ſailed away from thence to Port *Dauphin*, and thence to *Auguſtin* Bay on *Madagaſcar*. A few days after *The Content* Brigantine came into *Auguſtin* Bay, having been ran on a Ledge of Rocks off the Weſt-ſide of *Madagaſcar*, was then very leaky; for which reaſon the Pirates hailed her aſhoar, and there burnt her: All the Brigantine's Men then comming aboard *The Speedy Return*. Here the Pirates were informed by the Negroes, That another Gang of Pirates had taken the Ship *Proſperous*, and was gone with her to *New* Mathelage, after about 14 days ſtay at *Auguſtin* Bay. *The Speedy Return* ſailed from thence to *New* Mathelage, in in ſearch of the *Proſperous*, deſigning to joyn Company with her; when *The Speedy Return* arrived at *New* Mathelage; the Pirates were informed, that the *Proſperous* had been there, and was gone from thence. So after ſome ſtay there, they proceeded thence to the Iſlands of *Joanna* and *Mayotta*, ſtill in ſearch of the *Proſperous*, who they found at *Mayotta*, which was about *Chriſtmas* 1702, where they continued in Company together. And about the beginning of *March* 1702 and 3 Capt. *George Wooley*, in the Ship *Pembroke*, was taken by the Pirates in the *Proſperous* and *Speedy Return* Boat, near *Mayotta*.

Capt. *Wooley*, and his Carpenter, a Black named *Franciſo d' Cruz*, were forcibly detained by the Pirates, who after plundering the *Pembroke* of what they had occaſion for, diſmiſſed her. Immediately after the taking the *Pembroke*, the *Proſperious* and *Speedy Return* ſailed from *Mayotta* to *New Mathelage*: When arrived there, there was a Diſpute between the Captains and Crews of the *Proſperous* and *Speedy Return*, who ſhould have Captain *Wooley* for their Pilot; he remained in the *Proſperous*, and the *Speedy Return* went from *New Methelage* to *Auguſtin* Bay, where the ſaid Ship was Cleaned and Victualled, and then went from thence, deſigning for *Moyotta* to joyn the *Proſperous*, as had been concerted at *New Methelage*; but the Winds being contrary, the *Speedy Return* could not reach *Mayotta*, but went to *Joanna*, and thence deſign'd to go to the *Red Sea*, but the Winds being contrary could not fetch in there, ſo bore away for the High-Land of St. *John's* near *Surat*, where they met the *Proſperous* aforeſaid. About the latter end of *Auguſt*, or beginning of *September* 1703, they had ſight of four Ships, to whom the *Proſperous* and *Speedy Return* gave chaſe, two of which four Ships ſtood to the Northward, and two to the Southward, the *Speedy Return* chaſed the two Ships who ſtood to the Southward, and took one of them who was a *Moor's* Ship of about 700 Tuns, bound from *Mocha* to *Surat*: When they had taken the ſaid Ship, they went with her and the Speedy Return to *Rajapore*, on the Coaſt of *India*. After they had been there ſometime, the *Proſperous* came there, ſhe having taken a *Moor's* Ship, plundered her, and left her a-drift in the Sea, as theſe Deponents were informed. Here at *Rajapore*, the Captains, and Crews, of the *Proſperous* and Speedy Return, went all on board the *Moor's* Ship aforeſaid, taken by the Speedy Return, and then named by them the *Deſiance*, which they mounted with 56 Guns, and manned with about 250 Men, Whites and Blacks: And then at *Rajapore* aforeſaid, the ſaid Pirates did in one Afternoon ſet fire to, and burn the Proſperous and Speedy Return aforeſaid, which was in the Month of *October*, 1703. Soon after, theſe Deponents ſailed from *Rajapore*, in the ſaid Ship *Deſiance*, ranging down the Coaſt of *India* and *Mallabar*, near to *Cochin*, on the *Mallabar* Coaſt, where ſeveral Perſons came from the Shoar on board the *Deſiance*, and brought off Proviſion, Liquor, Cloths, *&c.* all things which the Pirates deſired: And here Capt. *Wooley* aforeſaid being ſick, was on his earneſt Intreaty, releaſed by the Pirates and went aſhoar. From near *Cochin* the *Deſiance* ſailed down the *Mallabar* Coaſt, and in their way took the *Pembroke* aforeſaid, a ſecond time; they took out of her ſome Sugar, and ſome other ſmall things, and then diſcharged her from the *Mallabar* Coaſt. Theſe Deponents ſailed in the *Deſiance* to *Mauritius*, where theſe Deponents made their Eſcape, and the *Raper*-Gally ſoon after arriving there, they went on board her, and are now arrived here at *London*.

And thoſe Deponents do further declare, That at, or after the Time af the Pirates taking the ſaid Saip *Speedy Return*, neither the ſaid Capt. *Drummond*, nor any other Perſons belonging to her were killed or wounded; deither was ſhe ever attacked by a Ship called the *Worceſter*, Capt. *Geen* Commander, oy any other Ship, Sloop, or Veſſel whatever.

Iſrael Phipeny
Peter Freeland.

Jurat coram me 22do die Aprilis,
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